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REPLY TO REQUIREMENT FOR RESTRICTION

In reply to the Examiner's action mailed December 5, 2000, Applicants elect Group I. As the species of test element, Applicants elect A549 human lung carcinoma cells. As the species of method of detection, Applicants elect a method that measures cell proliferation. Regarding the species of combination entity, Applicants elect compounds. Applicants note that the Examiner's request that Applicants provide a structural formula of the compounds is simply not possible. The methods of the invention are directed to screening large numbers of combinations of entities. At the time of screening the structural formulas of each of the entities is not required. By electing compounds as the species of entity, Applicants have responded as fully as possible.

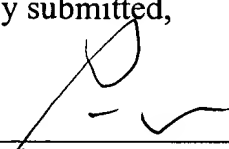
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The election is made without traverse. Claims that read upon the elected group and species are claims 1-12, 14-18, 20-24, 28-35, 37-44, 48-51, and 53-63.

Enclosed is a petition to extend the period for replying for three months, to and including April 5, 2001. If there are any charges, or any credits, please apply them to Deposit Account No. 03-2095.

Respectfully submitted,

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